



Job Opportunity

California State Lands

Commission

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST

\$2875 – 5336

STAFF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST

\$5,088 - \$6,144

ONE POSITION AVAILABLE, WILL CONSIDER FILLING AT EITHER LEVEL

Under the general direction of the chief, or the assistant chief, Division of Environmental Planning and Management, the position is responsible for independently conducting and managing extremely complex and difficult environmental analyses and studies on projects before and programs of the California State Lands Commission (Commission).

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve as Project Manager in the preparation of the environmental documentation required under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prior to the Commission's consideration of major capital projects proposed to be located on or utilize State lands under its jurisdiction. This responsibility includes, but is not limited to: 1) recruiting and managing third party environmental consulting firms; 2) gathering and analyzing available data and information regarding the potential environmental effects of proposed or ongoing projects; 3) preparing appropriate environmental reports utilizing such data and information; 4) coordinating with program staff of the Commission and federal, State and local agencies; 5) meeting with applicants, public interest groups and other governmental agencies to achieve compliance with the CEQA and related laws, rules and regulations; 6) representing the Commission at public hearings required under the CEQA to take testimony on the adequacy of EIRs; 7) presenting testimony before the Commission and other decision-making bodies on the potential environmental impacts of proposed projects and recommended mitigation measures therefore. This responsibility may also include serving as Project Manager to fulfill the above functions in the preparation of joint EIR/EISs in conjunction with federal agencies or representing the Commission on Joint Review Panels in the preparation of EIRs or joint EIS/EIRs in cooperation with federal or local agencies;
- Provide environmental expertise in the formulation, implementation and ongoing management of Commission programs as they might affect public health and safety and the environment;
- Review environmental documentation prepared under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or the CEQA by federal, State or local agencies on complex, sensitive projects for which the Commission is a Responsible or Trustee Agency and prepare comments on the adequacy of such documentation. This responsibility may also entail providing testimony on such documents before the relevant decision-making bodies of such agencies;
- Serve as a member of special teams/work groups, such as the Commission's Natural Resource Damage

Assessment (NRDA) team and the Wetland Manager's Group (Southern California Wetlands Recovery Group);

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS:

Education: Possession of a bachelor's or advanced degree with a major in a biological, chemical, physical, or environmental science, or a closely related scientific discipline. (Admission to a masters or doctoral degree program in a biological, chemical, physical, or environmental science, or a closely related discipline shall be considered to meet these education qualifications.)

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to develop and apply expertise in natural resource management issues and work as part of a diverse, inter-disciplinary team.
- Ability to work toward consensus positions with governmental, private, and public interest groups.
- Experience in managing contracts and working with contractors.
- Knowledge of the CEQA, the Permit Streamlining Act (PSA), and other natural resource management law, rules, and regulations, e.g., Federal and State Endangered Species Acts and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Knowledge of cultural resource(s) issues also useful.
- Working knowledge of computers and software (word processing, databases) and a basic familiarity with the uses of Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

POSITION LOCATION:

100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

FINAL FILING DATE: Until filled.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit resume & standard State application to:

California State Lands Commission
Personnel Office
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 574-1910 or FAX (916) 574-1915

WHO MAY APPLY:

State employees with transfer eligibility, reinstatement eligibility or employment list eligibility. **Transfers from surplus agencies or individuals on SROA/Surplus will be given first consideration.**

State employees with transfer eligibility, reinstatement eligibility or employment list eligibility.

Former State employees with reinstatement eligibility or employment list eligibility.

Non-State employees who have already taken an examination for this job classification and have established employment list eligibility.

Applications will be screened and only the most qualified candidates will be scheduled for an interview.